

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are amended herein. Claims 21-31 are added herein. Claims 1-31 now remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-20 over Alam

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,324,544 to Alam et al. ("Alam"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-20 recite synchronization is initiated between a remote device and a host device by the remote device executing a synchronization instruction.

Alam appears to disclose a system and method of synchronizing objects between a mobile device and a desktop computer (See col. 4, lines 28-42). The update procedure is executed when the mobile device is connected to the desktop computer (See Alam, col. 5, lines 19-25).

Alam discloses synchronizing data between a mobile device and a desktop computer. However, the synchronization operation is initiated when the mobile device is connected to the desktop computer. Alam fails to disclose a remote device initiating synchronization, i.e., synchronization is initiated between a remote device and a host device by the remote device executing a synchronization instruction, as recited by claims 1-20.

A benefit of synchronization that is initiated between a remote device and a host device by the remote device executing a synchronization instruction is, e.g., reducing the number of synchronization operations that will be performed. Conventionally the need for synchronization cannot be determined until the remote device and the host device are connected together. However, by having the remote device initiate synchronization, synchronization can then be performed only when changes exist on the remote device. The cited prior art fails to disclose or suggest the claimed features having such benefits.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1-20 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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